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## CADETS STEP OUT IN EUROPE

Staff & cadets from 2457 (Tring) Squadron Air Training Corps have just returned from the Belgian Ardennes having completed the 130km European March of Memory & Friendship. The march took place over 4 days & all members of the Herts & Bucks Wing ATC Marching Team successfully completed the march through the spectacular countryside.

The March encourages tourism to the area as well as serving as an act of Remembrance to those who died in the 1944 Ardennes Offensive known as the Battle of the Bulge. The team was required to act as the Official UK representatives at ceremonies. Flight Lieutenant Andy Bryant, Commanding Officer at Tring Squadron, said, "The cadets were nervous at being at the center of attention but they represented their Country, the ATC & the youth of Britain in a shining example to people from all over Europe."

For some this is not their first time at completing an overseas march. Flt Lt Bryant has completed this march 12 times & has taken part in others as well. Instructor Cadet Flight Sergeant Mark Harrison (19) has also previously completed the 100km in 24 hour "Death march". He said, "It was much easier than last Years harsh route & fierce temperatures. We were lucky to have excellent walking conditions this time" Cadet Corporal James Fawcus-Robinson (14) is a newcomer to overseas marches. He said, "I really enjoyed it! I can't wait till the next one."

Now the team are preparing for their next overseas march in August when they venture to the Westhoek region of Belgium to enjoy West Flanders hospitality.

Overseas long distance marches are just one of the activities enjoyed by Tring Air Cadets. If you are between 13 & 18 & would like to join in or find out more they meet on Mondays & Thursdays at 19:30 hours at their New Road HQ.

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